

The Cause: Radon

Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that can kill. The Surgeon General lists it as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. This radioactive element moves through the ground to the surface, and can easily enter homes and buildings. There is no way to detect the amount of radon present unless it is tested.

The Goal: Raise Awareness

Harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas are a problem. The solution is to reduce the number of homes with elevated levels of radon. This contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing and inform people of the danger of radon in their homes.

The Participation: Far-reaching

Schools from all 50 states, U.S. territories, tribal nations and the Department of Defense (DoD) are encouraged to participate in the contest. Judges will select winners and runners-up in each state, territory, tribal nation, and DoD schools. These winning posters will be entered into the national contest. Visit www.sosradon.org for poster submission information. (See other side of this sheet)

Contest Calendar

- 2011 Contest opens March 1, 2010 and closes October 31, 2010
- Judging will occur by November 19, 2010
- National winners notified by December 1, 2010
- Award Ceremony January 14, 2011 in Washington, D.C.

If your state's radon program is not participating in this contest, send submissions to:

The Prize: Trip to Washington, D.C.

The national winner, a parent and a teacher (or sponsoring organization's representative) win an all-expenses paid trip to our nation's capital. They will participate in an awards ceremony during which the winning entry is unveiled. The poster will also be reproduced and distributed nationally to promote radon awareness.

Poster Topics:

Choose from the following five topics:

1. What is radon?
2. Where does radon come from?
3. How does radon get into our homes?
4. Radon can cause lung cancer.
5. Test your home for radon.

Contact Information:

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~Increasing public knowledge of radon and the need to test and fix homes

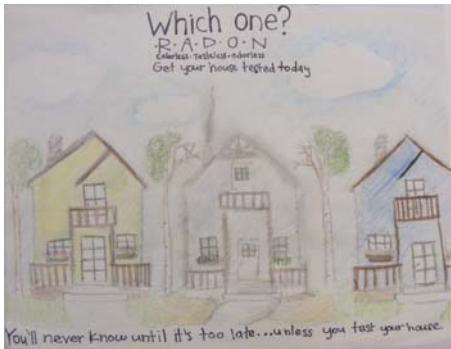
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1st Place - 2010

Radon Kills

Alec of Guthrie, OK



2nd Place -2010

Radon Can be Anywhere

Emily of Holladay, UT



3rd Place -2010

Don't Let Radon Take Your Life

Noah of Savannah, MO

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Eligibility Requirements:

Children ages 9-14 are eligible. They can be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, DoD or home school — or through a sponsoring club, such as an art, computer or science club; scouting organization; or 4-H club.

Judging Criteria:

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility
- Originality

Artwork Requirements:

Artwork must meet the following requirements:

- White Paper - size preferred is 12 x 18 or 8.5 x 11 but all submission sizes will be accepted
 - Be original
- Must **not** have student's name on the front
 - Should include a title on the front
 - Topic and title must be on the Artwork

Submission Form (available at www.sosradon.org)

- Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs or computer graphics
- Copyrighted characters (such as Snoopy), product logos and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.
 - Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.

Go to www.sosradon.org for more information on the 2011 National Contest